

Spring West Virginia SAREX

Date: May 2-4, 2014

Location: Cranberry Glades / Plum Creek Area

An interagency search and recovery exercise to be held in cooperation with the West Virginia Air National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, WV Search and Rescue Council, WV Department of Homeland Security, Forest Service, and County (Pocahontas and Greenbrier) EMS, Emergency Management, and Law Enforcement officials.

Scenario: A rocket, launched from Wallops Island, VA suffered a malfunction shortly after launch. A satellite, with unknown nuclear and/or hazardous chemicals aboard, reentered the atmosphere to the west of the launch site and broke up shortly after entering West Virginia. The debris field is extensive and widely scattered. NASA has requested the assistance of all available search resources to recover as many pieces of the destroyed satellite as possible.

Exercise Objective: Ensure that all search and rescue resources within the state can work together, communicate effectively, and successfully complete a wide-area search mission.

Backchannel Information:

- Primitive camping will be available.
- All meals on Saturday (including a MRE lunch) will be provided. Sunday breakfast will also be included.
- This is an announced exercise, in order to obtain maximum participation for all organizations.
- Incident Command will be handled by the Forest Service.
- Search management organization and execution will be coordinated by Bill Kershner.
- A UH-72 Lakota and a UH-60 Blackhawk will be on site for both inspection and participation in the drill.
- All search teams that want to participate are welcome, including out of state teams.
- The number of team members from each team who plan to participate should be forwarded to Mike Kelley at mrkelley@zoominternet.net or 304-643-2688 no later than ***April 11, 2014*** so that arrangements can be made for adequate food and other resources to support the exercise.